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In re Patent Application of:
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Examiner: A. M. Psitos

For: PICKUP APPARATUS FOR DISK PLAYER
HAVING A FRAME FOR SUPPORTING A
HALF-MIRROR

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COMMENTS TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the notice of allowance mailed on September 15, 2004, please consider the following comments.

In the notice of allowance mailed on September 15, 2004, the Examiner objected to the drawings indicating that Figure 5 included limitations that were not depicted in any of the drawings. In his objection the Examiner did not specify which limitations of claim 5 were not present depicted in the drawings. During a follow-up phone call to the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that he did not know which of the limitations was not depicted in the drawings.

In light of the above, the Applicant reviewed the limitations recited in claim 5 and the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in which the Applicant originally proposed claim 5 (*i.e.*, the RCE mailed on July 15, 2004). The Applicant respectfully asserts that the RCE clearly indicates support in drawings for each of the limitations recited in claim 5. The relevant portion of the RCE is included below:

With respect to the addition of claim 5, support for this claim can be found on page 9 of the instant specification. The specification states, "[w]hen assembling the pick-up apparatus 1, the adhesive agent is applied to, for example, one point at a lower part on the wall part 31a and one point on the wall part 33a among the three points at first, and the half mirror 15 is adhered to the determined position at these two points by making approach from a transverse direction. Then, before the adhesive agent dries out, the gradient of the half mirror 15 is determined by fine-tuning the half mirror 15 by using these two points as fulcrums. After determining the gradient of the half mirror 15, the adhesive agent is made exist between one point at the upper part on the wall part 31a and the half mirror 15. Finally, the half mirror 15 is fixed to the pickup frame 19 by curing the adhesive agent by the ultraviolet-ray irradiation." See RCE mailed July 15, 2004, p. 6.

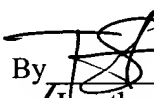
In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the limitations recited in claim 5 are all properly depicted in the drawings as filed and, thus, corrected drawing are not necessary. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/030001).

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